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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
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Rockville, MD 20852

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RE: Docket Numbers:
98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have chosen to send this letter from a letter writing service I chose it because it represents my views and opinions perfectly. It is, however, signed by me as an individual and I hope you will consider it as such.

I am very concerned that each year the US Egg industry force molts -- [REDACTED] -- millions of hens to manipulate egg production. Forced molting is so stressful [REDACTED] redispersing the birds and their eggs to [REDACTED]

The US Dept. of Agriculture's Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS) stated: "FSIS recognizes that public health concerns are raised by highly stressful forced molting practices. For example, extended starvation and water deprivation practices lead to increased shedding of Salmonella enteritidis (Se) by laying hens subjected to these practices."

[REDACTED] and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures. The [REDACTED] cause of forced molting because forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems.

The FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health. The FDA must ban the forced molting of laying hens because **forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs and consumers of eggs.**

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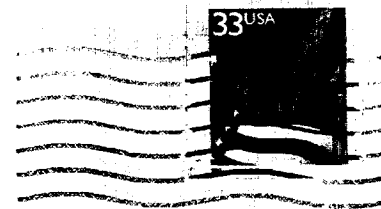
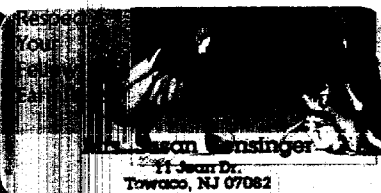
FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. It is now more than a year later. This petition should be granted without further delay. Thank you for requesting public comments on reducing egg borne diseases because of the many illnesses and deaths caused by contaminated eggs.

Sincerely,


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